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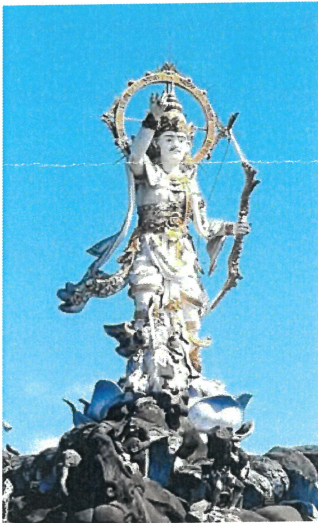
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MISSION: INDO-PACIFIC!

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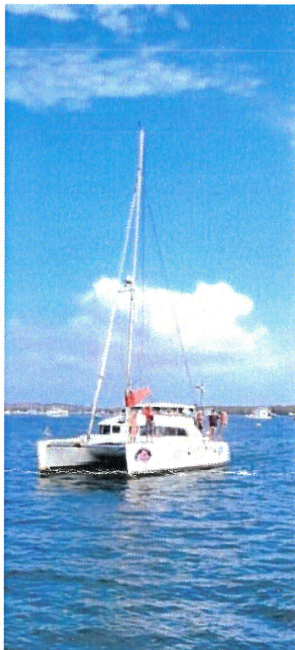
"Rama" of the Hindu pantheon, the 7th incarnation of Shiva; One of many shrines to the mythical god. Pray for these people.

Ship's Log: 8.71S—115.24E Eastern Indian Ocean —Glen Knight

Sunrise over the Eastern Indian Ocean presents some of the most beautiful scenery one can hope to find. Every day is different and amazing, truly showing the handiwork of The Almighty. What a privilege we have to be able to witness this personally, from the decks of our missionary sailing ship, RIM NATIVA! The background photo in this article shows the early morning fishermen on a calm sea around us, hoping to bring up a catch from their nets. Many of these men work long hours to provide food for their families. Often, they pass by our vessel to sell the fish they've taken. And generally always, we share the things we have here with them: Bibles, fishing supplies, mosquito nets and strong polyester cloth to use for making their small sails. The Lord is gracious in placing us here that we might be able to live among these simple people. The longer we remain here, the more we learn of their culture and traditions, practiced for literally hundreds of years. I am told that one of the temples on this island is a thousand years old. We've not seen it yet, but intend to when possible. The nature of the predominant religion here includes the worship of ancestors whom they see as the intercessors between life in the world and life in whatever existence there is that comes afterward. Furthermore, there is a firm belief in reincarnation, so most hope to elevate their status in the next life to some higher level of importance and wealth. The caste system is extremely important for this reason. One of our young friends nearby cites that he is a member of the lowest of the castes. He works hard every day in hopes of achieving higher rank in the next life. This is typical of their philosophy and while appearing noble, it will end in terrible disappointment. Oh, that he would embrace the biblical truth: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17) For him and others like him, we will carry on in gospel ministry in this place.

—Glen & Summer Knight, Remote Island Ministries





Mick, Lauzia and the children, waving goodbye as they sailed away. We will see them again across the way, later.

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NATIVA, Serangan anchorage, Denpasar City.

Ministry Scenes...

Making new friends is a great part of our ministry and some of them are people with similar lifestyles to ours. The photo here is of a sweet family from Australia, Mick, Lauzia and their children, Zena and Axel. They live on their boat and sail throughout Southeast Asia. What a blessing it was to all of us to spend time together! The kids are about the same age as our little ones in Adelaide, Hudson and Mila. We all enjoyed time together before they sailed onward and were able to share a family Bible with them as well as toys and early birthday gifts for the children. Godspeed, friends!



We don't often take photos of people unless they are candid images like this one. The issue is that we shouldn't leave the impression with them that we are tourists or YouTubers just grabbing pictures and videos. Consequently, we seldom ask if they will pose for a photo.



The lady in this picture is very typical of the lovely people of these islands. She is well dressed but observe that she's not wearing shoes. With the street pavement very hot, I doubt you or I could walk on it barefooted. She apparently has no difficulty, wearing no shoes. But to see her as she moved along, it is obvious that arthritis has taken its toll and she hobbles carefully. She and others like her are persons of our concern as we reach out to help in simple ways. There is a wide-open field of ministry and it's exciting to watch it develop from day to day!

It is important to not miss any opportunity to share with others we meet along the way. Here are two men who are working in a construction zone, downtown. A moment of kindness yielded a great time of sharing and even a nice souvenir photograph! I will see them again in a few days.



"Would I take the time to speak with him now, or not? We have all had such opportunities to talk to someone for Jesus, and have passed them up, choosing to hurry on our way with other concerns, only to look back on the opportunity with regret. We simply must realize that in most cases, the people we meet along the way, we will never see again and in a moment of time, the only chance we have to speak of Jesus, is then and there." -gk

More ministry scenes

Every Sunday, the fishermen come out to fish around our ship. They spend the entire day like these in the photo to the right, catching small fish for their sustenance. It's nice, talking to these young men often, even into the late night as they fish by the light of NATIVA with her spreader lights switched on.



There is a natural affinity existing among people who live on the sea. Looking back over the last ten years of ship-board life for us, we remember countless numbers of souls we've met, whether in the Philippines, Micronesia or here in Indonesia, and every one of them was open to our sharing. We have given hundreds of copies of the Bible as well as basic supplies for everyday life. I cannot recall a single person who wasn't happy to receive what we offered and who didn't listen as we spoke of Jesus. The man to the left came alongside NATIVA this month to offer us fish. We gave him so much more! Our ministry is very different from most others. The sea, the sky above, the salty air, the bright sun and millions of stars at night, all form a sanctuary, unsurpassed! Pray for us as we go about our daily tasks of ministry to those who otherwise may not hear.

The photo to the right is an example of the ministry I'm referencing. The children are those of our friend, Kumang. The simple room is the main part of their house nearby our anchorage. These are precious people whom we've come to love and through that love, have offered help in a variety of ways. Bible story books in Bahasa language for the children, also benefit the parents and grandparents who are compelled to read to the little ones. These tell the stories of Jesus from childhood to His adult life and form a great introduction to the Savior who is not known in this culture. These story books are given along with complete Bibles, also in Bahasa language. We pray for success.



One of our important tenders, the BARACUDA, was recently completely rebuilt. The finish on the boat had deteriorated and the tubes were detached from the hull. Here it is now, looking good again and should be serviceable for a long time!

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The BARACUDA on the beach for cleaning in July.

"The fruit seller at the pier, the boat repairman, the taxi driver, the odd foreigner from Australia or Europe, the young couple fearfully waiting at the hospital, the visa agent and staff, the beggar on the street corner, the men working in a street construction zone, the shop-keeper, the machinist, the welder, the old man along the roadside, the young woman soliciting in the night, the two men paddling their small boat against the current, the lonely boat keeper on a dilapidated vessel at anchor, the man from far away whose boat cannot sail farther—these and many more need The Lord. What a challenge!"

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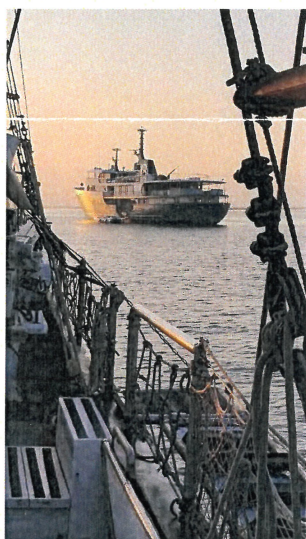
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...Reaching people on the edge!



"Gods of Stone"

"...and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things."

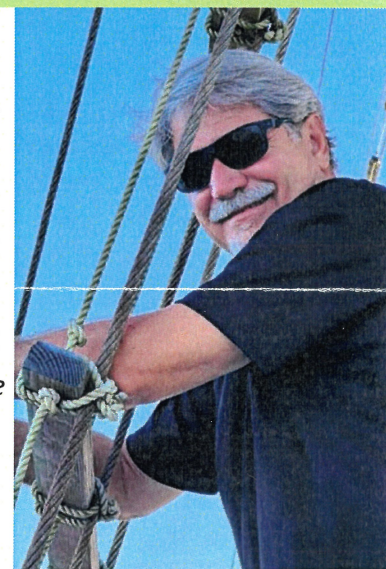
Closing thoughts: Passing Quickly...

—Glen Knight

The year is passing much too quickly, it seems, and I reckon you all will agree with me that it's been extremely interesting, so far! With only four months remaining in 2024, we must all make the most of every opportunity to do good for others and to stand for Christ. With the election season upon us, we must also be prayerful for our nation as we choose a new president and other leaders.

I'm so thankful to all of you who have stood with us in the ministry out here through 2024. We have a lot of work to do and are excited to see it unfold before us. We pray for you often and trust The Lord to keep you well and happy!

—Glen, Summer & Juli Knight



"A breakthrough is what he must have wanted. I understand his shock. I know of his anxiety. I can guess all the questions that must have pervaded his mind. And, I grasp the very thing that had strung his heart so taut—'an altar with the inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.' This became his breakthrough; his opportunity; his moment to declare the One whom they worshipped without knowing." (Acts 17:23) —glen knight, missionary